

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm. Selectmen present were James McIlroy, Janet Smith and Roberta Gerkin. Others present were Armand Martineau, Don Doane, Chief Art Reed, Fran Lane, Gregg Caporossi, Wolfe Tone and Wendy Chase.

Armand Martineau of Plodzik and Sanderson was in to discuss Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB 34). It is an accounting process that reports and depreciates infrastructure assets. Plodzik and Sanderson was hired by the Town to do the annual audit. Armand came in to explain that GASB 34 was supposed to be implemented for 2004 by the Town. He explained that the audit report for 2004 will have an adverse opinion because the Town was not GASB 34 compliant in 2004. The overall audit did pass and we will receive a copy of the audit from Plodzik and Sanderson by the end of April.

James asked if there were any adverse effects if the Town did not implement GASB 34. Armand said there are none at this time. He is not sure what will happen in the future.

Mr. Martineau informed the Selectmen that he will be retiring from Plodzik and Sanderson this summer. He presented a proposal to the Board for services he provides on implementing GASB 34 to Municipalities. The Board will discuss it at a future meeting and get back to him.

Chief Reed relayed a concern on the ice pond from a resident. The Board informed Chief Reed that the ice pond is privately owned and that the Selectmen have no authority over it. The Selectmen referred the resident to the NHDES website.

Chief Reed also informed the Board that the electrical work for the generator is almost complete. The Town Offices will be covered if we have a power outage.

The Accreditation process for the Police Department took place on April 1st. It went very well. Chief Reed commended Melissa Lajoie for doing a good job. James commended Chief Reed and his department for a job well done.

Chief Reed asked permission to purchase a new carpet for the Police Department and paint. He will supply the free labor to paint the room. The Selectmen would like him to come back to them with 3 different vendors and prices.

A motion was made and seconded to go into non public session with Chief Reed at 7:40pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(a) and all were in favor. A motion was made and seconded to come out of non public session at 8:02pm and all were in favor.

Scott Moulton, owner of Moulton Property Services, came in and presented a proposal for the 2005 mowing/landscaping season. Prices increased from last year due to gas increases. Roberta made a motion to accept the proposal from Scott Moulton, Janet seconded and all were in favor.

Reuben Hull presented an updated professional services agreement for the Planner position to the Selectmen. The Selectmen reviewed and discussed the agreement with both Fran and Reuben. Reuben will make suggested changes and email a final copy to the Selectmen and Fran prior to next week's meeting.

Wendy was directed to put Reuben on the agenda for next week's meeting.

The Selectmen, Fran Lane, Gregg Caporossi and Wolfe Tone discussed the Newfields Greenway project.

Wendy Chase left the meeting at 9:00pm.

The Selectmen discussed the Peaslee memorial bench and decided that Badger Park would not be a good location and will look into other locations. James will contact David Dennehy the Overseer of the Town Landing and discuss that as a possible location.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 11:10pm and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase